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**In re Application of:**

AKIHIKO TAKEUCHI, ET AL.

Application No.: 10/057,969

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For: IMAGE HEATING APPARATUS  
HAVING A LIMITING MEMBER  
(AS AMENDED)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to further examination on the merits, Applicants request that the above-identified application be further amended as follows.